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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/550,558	Applicant(s) HAMON ET AL.
	Examiner DIRK BASS	Art Unit 1797

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2009.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 24-27 and 30-37 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 24-27, 30-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/88/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's response filed November 30, 2009 is acknowledged. Claims 1-22 and 38-39 are withdrawn from consideration, claims 24-27, 30-34, and 36 are amended, and claims 23 and 28-29 are cancelled. Claims 24-27, and 30-37 are pending and further considered on the merits.

Response to Amendment

In response to applicant's amendment, the examiner withdraws the 35 U.S.C. 112 first and second paragraph rejections of claim 25. Furthermore, in light of the amendments, the examiner modifies the grounds of rejection set forth in the office action dated August 28, 2009.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claims 24, 26-27, and 30-37** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Pappin et al., USPA 2004/0220412 (Pappin).
3. Regarding claims 24, 26-27, and 30-32, Pappin discloses a mass tag reagent (abstract) having an identical structure to the second recited formula of claim 24, wherein R³ and R⁴ are hydrogen, n is 2, L is an alkylene linker, and RF is an N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (Ex. 6 and Claims 28-30).
4. Regarding claims 33-35, Pappin discloses a mass tag reagent further comprising a modified isotope distribution wherein the isotopes are hydrogen, carbon, and nitrogen (Claims 29 and 32-35).
5. Regarding claim 36, Pappin discloses an array of mass tag reagents which comprises two or more mass tags as described in claim 24 (Ex. 6).

6. Regarding claim 37, Pappin discloses an array of mass tag reagents such that each mass tag in the array has a different mass (¶ 0041-0042).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

8. **Claim 25** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pappin.

9. Regarding claim 25, Pappin discloses a mass tag reagent having a structure similar to the first recited formula of claim 24, wherein R¹ and R² are modified alkyl groups, L is an alkylene linker, and RF is an N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (¶ 0177).

While Pappin fails to explicitly disclose a mass tag reagent having the R¹ and R² groups specified in claim 25, it would have been obvious to a routineer in the art at the time the invention was made to include such groups since the substitution of one known element for another would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention.

Conclusion

10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIRT BASS whose telephone number is (571) 270-7370. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (9am-4pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vickie Kim can be reached on (571) 272-0579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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